

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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UTILISATION OF LIGHTHOUSES AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS

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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to utilise lighthouses as tourist destinations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of lighthouses identified for this purpose and their locations including those in PPP mode;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to develop the necessary infrastructure and facilities at these lighthouses for tourism;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to involve private sector participation in the development and management of lighthouse tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) and (b) Yes. A total of 75 lighthouses have been identified for tourism purposes in 10 States/Union Territories ((list enclosed as Annexure-I). Lighthouse at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu is under development in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for tourism purposes.
- (c) Infrastructure facilities like museum, amphi-theatre, open air theatre, cafeteria, children play area, gazebo, landscaping and lifts have been developed for tourism purpose in selected lighthouses.
- (d) and (e) At present tourism at Mahabalipuram lighthouse in Tamil Nadu is under development in PPP mode.

The list of 75 lighthouses developed for tourism purposes:

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Number of lighthouse	Name of Lighthouse
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2	North Point, Port Cornwallis
2.	Andhra Pradesh	10	Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, Antervedi, Sacramento, Vakalpudi, Santapalli, Kalingapatnam, Baruva, Vodarevu, Pudimadaka
4.	Goa	1	Aguda
5.	Gujarat	17	Mandvi, Rawalpir, Samiyani, Okha, Kachhigarh, Porbandar, Mangrol, Jaffrabad, Jegri, Alang, Ghogha, Hazira, ValsadKhadi, Gopnath, Veraval, Dwarka, Umargaon
6.	Karnataka	5	Tadri, Bhatkal, Kaup, Surathkal, Kundapur
7.	Kerala	11	Kannur, Ponnani, Chetwai, Vypin, Alappuzha, Valiyazhikkal, Thangesseri, Anjengo, Vizhinnjam, Azhikode, Kadalur Point
8.	Maharashtra	6	Uttan Point, Korlai Fort, Jaigarh, Ratnagiri, Vengurla Point, Kelshi
9.	Odisha	5	Gopalpur, Puri, Chandrabhaga, Paradip, False Point,
10.	Tamil Nadu	15	Kanniyakumari, Kuthankuli, Manappad, Kilakkari, Dhanushkodi, Pamban, Karaikkal, Mallipattinam, Kodikkarai, Nagapattinam, Poompuhar, Pulicat, Muttom Point, Mahabalipuram, Chennai
11.	West Bengal	3	Tajpur, Dariyapur, Sagar Island
